

## School Health Screening Update

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Springing Up with Quality Practices in School and Community Nursing



#### Objectives

- Describe the current status of school health screening statutes, regulations, and guidelines in Nebraska
- Demonstrate school health screening competencies for vision, hearing, dental, and BMI screening
- Identify three strategies for the school nurse to make screening data useful and meaningful
- Describe best practices in planning and implementing school health screening programs



## Project title: Improve the Quality of School-based Child Health Screening in Nebraska. April 2007 to present

- □ Goal 1: Promulgate <u>rules and regulations</u> for school health screening pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. 79-249.
- Goal 2: Make available to schools methods for the gathering, analysis, and sharing of <u>school health data</u> that do not violate any privacy laws, in order to:
  - improve the quality and usefulness of child health data
  - understand and improve the relationship between health and performance and attendance
  - understand health disparities affecting school-aged children
  - Support effective wellness promotion and interventions at the local level.
- Goal 3: Provide the resources and materials to make implementation of the rules and regulations and use of the data methods efficient and useful to the maximum number of stakeholder groups.



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- □ Project Accomplishments:
  - Statutes changed
  - Regulations drafted and cleared legal review
  - Stakeholder development and engagement
  - Data projects: minimum data set, BMI project, Dental project.
  - Competencies for Screening
  - Guidelines development
  - Steering Committee and Expert Committees



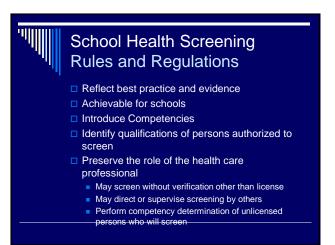
### Nebraska School Health Screening Statutes

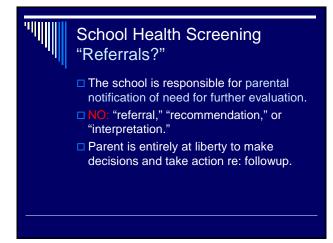
- □ Topics new in 2010
  - Rephrasing opening sentence to permit episodic screening
  - Address parental refusal
  - Include data methods
  - Rephrased screening for transfer students
- Energized interest in regulations regulatory authority not new

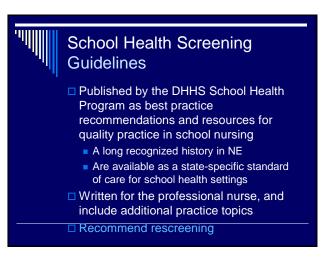


### School Health Screening Rules and Regulations

- □ Steering Committee
- □ Expert Committees
- ☐ The Rulemaking Process
- □ The Current Draft
- ☐ The Next Steps

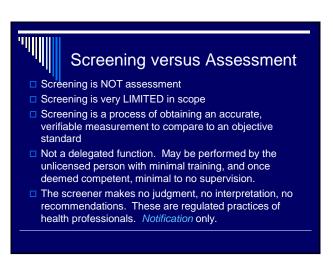




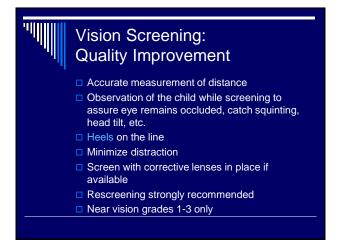




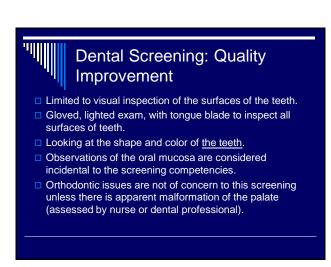




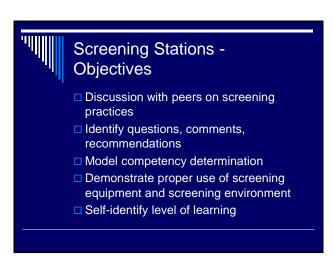


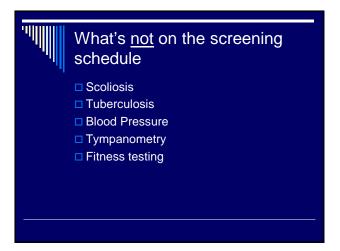














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#### What's Next?

- ☐ The rule making process: hearings should be held during the school year; at least one year before effective date
- □ Guidelines and competencies: proceed with updates to match statutes, incorporate substance of draft regs, open public comment on drafts April to June, 2012.
- Notify screening stakeholders and schools of guidelines changes and recommend local screening program updates.

